

Army Training Bill Wins, 9-5, In Committee

Measure Ordered Favorably Reported Requires Compulsory Military Service by Boys From 18 to 21

Appropriations Cut Seen

Wadsworth Predicts Reduction of Present Outlay of 1 Billion to 500 Million

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—By a vote of nine to five, the Senate Military Committee today approved provisions providing for compulsory military training for boys between eighteen and twenty-one years, inclusive, and ordered a favorable report upon the army reorganization bill.

The compulsory military training provision, which fixes the training period at four months, was opposed in the committee by Senators Lenroot (Wisconsin) and Capper (Kansas), Republicans, and Senators McKellar (Tennessee), Sheppard (Texas) and Kirby (Arkansas), Democrats. Senators Wadsworth (New York), Warren (Wyoming), Sutherland (New Virginia), New (Indiana), Frelinghuysen (New Jersey), Knox (Pennsylvania) and Spencer (Missouri), Republicans, and Chamberlain (Oregon) and Thomas (Colorado), Democrats, supported it. Senator McKellar announced that he would submit a minority report, in which a number of the Senators who opposed the plan are expected to concur.

Provides for Two Armies
As finally agreed upon, the bill is virtually the same as reported by the subcommittee, but is radically different from the reorganization bill submitted by the War Department to Congress. In addition to establishing compulsory military training, the bill provides for the establishment of one army, to be divided into a citizen army consisting of 250,000 enlisted men and 10,000 officers, and a National Guard.

Specific provision is made in the bill that the citizen army cannot be called to the colors except in case of a declaration of war.

To accommodate the reserve force built up under the system of military training, a maximum of 500,000 men in the enlisted strength of the regular army and 2 per cent in the number of enlisted officers for the first five years. This will mean, Chairman Wadsworth explained, that at the end of five years the regular army will be reduced by 70,000 men and 1,800 commissioned officers, which will greatly decrease the expense of maintaining the military establishment.

The bill also would place all youths who have undergone the four months' military training on a reserve list, to be subject to two weeks' training annually. Under an amendment by Senator Spencer, Republican, of Missouri, expenditures of such youths during their training would receive an allowance the same as now provided under the war risk insurance act.

Will Cut Army Appropriations
Establishment of the office of Under-Secretary of War, who would be charged with the solution of the great industrial and business problems involved in the procurement of military supplies, is provided, but the committee, upon Secretary Baker's recommendation, eliminated provisions which would work to make General Pershing chief of staff in place of General March, the present chief of staff.

Senator Wadsworth said he would report the bill to the Senate possibly tomorrow, and would seek to call it up for consideration at the earliest possible moment. Owing to other measures now pending he hardly expects to bring it up in the Senate before next week.

British Trade Methods Resented by Americans

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 26.—Statements by Lord Ashfield, of Southwell, president of the British Board of Trade, that the British were "going to supplant the United States in the market for wool in South America during the war," have aroused considerable feeling among Americans here. Lord Ashfield's declarations have been circulated widely here by a British advertising agency. Speaking Friday night at the first annual banquet of the United States Chamber of Commerce in Argentina, William H. Robertson, American Consul General here, took exception to them as being what he described as "hostile propaganda."

"The amount of our Latin-American and Argentine trade we hold after the war," he said, "will depend exactly, as always, upon the efficiency of our manufacturers and the skill of our salesmen—in other words, considerations of price and quality. With an enormously valuable home market, the United States has up to the present made virtually no concerted effort to develop Latin-American trade. Our goods sold themselves on their merits alone, in spite of all the hostile propaganda used against us by our rivals. I think the president of the British Board of Trade will find himself mistaken in his recent alleged utterance, that 'more experienced methods in trading, sentimental relations and British quality' are going to supplant us soon with our Latin-American friends."

Mr. Robertson cited statistics to show it was a misconception that European nations like Great Britain and Germany had in the past out-sold the United States in South America. "Protesting against the habit attributed to some Americans in referring to American importers and manufacturers as 'dealers in South America as 'dishonest,'" Mr. Robertson insisted that such accusations should be made. He said these men had been imposed upon by "subtle propaganda," who had as their object the injuring of America's commercial reputation abroad. He asserted a few specific complaints had been made the basis for general statements.

Lieut. Rule Restored to Duty By Order of President Wilson
WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—By direction of President Wilson, Lieutenant George E. Rule, who was tried and convicted at Camp McClellan, Ala., on charges of selling his services to enlisted men fraudulently to obtain their discharge, has been released from arrest and restored to duty.

In Grandma's Gowns of Fifty Years Ago



Left to right—Miss Hortense Lion and Miss Ise Gronau, walking up Fifth Avenue in the costumes worn by their grandmothers fifty years ago. They are members of the class of '20 of Hunters College, which is celebrating anniversary week.

College Girls Give City Glimpse of Past's Glory

Hunter Students Parade on Fifth Avenue in Costumes of Fifty Years Ago

Fifth Avenue saw the styles of fifty years ago yesterday in a fashion parade of "sweet girl graduates" of the first class of Hunter College Fifth Avenue marveled at the gorgeous creations of lace and velvet and satin which were designed for the glorification of the young idea, and decided that the high cost of graduation dresses at least is no worse to-day than it was fifty years ago.

The gowns are the property of the college and were released from their glass cases yesterday for the first time since their young owners of fifty years ago outgrew them. The parade is part of the campaign of Hunter College graduates to raise \$100,000 for a new alumna building, and was followed by speechmaking and motion pictures on the steps of the Public Library.

The girls who paraded in the glory of bygone valedictorians were members of the class of 1920. Miss Helen Lusk, president of the Students Self-Government League, led the strange little procession in a costume of black lace over red satin, topped by a jaunty little green straw hat, with a plume nodding over her left eye in most unacademic style.

Others in the parade were Miss Lilian Nicholas in yellow satin, Miss Ise Gronau in pink broadcloth velvet, with a train long enough to give nervous prostration to a modern basketball player, Miss Mary Towers in black velvet and Miss Hortense Lion in red velvet.

Cut in Shoe Price Planned

Head of National Retailers' Association Promises Decrease

CINCINNATI, Jan. 26.—The high cost is going to be taken out of shoes, if the promise of James P. Orr, newly elected president of the National Shoe Retailers' Association, is carried out. Mr. Orr today addressed a communication to Howard E. Figg, special assistant to Attorney General Palmer, wherein he makes the promise of lower prices for shoes.

"We will place the entire machinery of our organization at the disposal of the Department of Justice, and we are about ready to submit a concrete plan which will bring shoe prices to lower levels," he wrote.

Connecticut Republicans Seek Suffrage Ratification

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 26.—The Men's Republican Committee of Connecticut for Ratification of the Suffrage Amendment met here today and decided to present the question of calling a special session of the Legislature to take up the Federal suffrage amendment with the Republican leaders of the state.

John T. Robinson, secretary of the committee, presided at the meeting.

State Lawmakers Asked to Protect U. S. Railroad Bills

Governor Indorses Objections of Nixon and Hill to Cummins and Each Measures in Conference

ALBANY, Jan. 26.—Governor Smith to-night submitted to the Legislature a letter from Lewis Nixon, First District Public Service Commissioner, and Chairman Charles B. Hill of the Second District Commission, protesting against certain provisions of the Cummins-Esch bills in Congress terminating Federal control of the railroads. Both commissioners declared the bills would interfere seriously with state control through the public service commissions of public utilities in this state.

"From an examination of these communications," said the Governor, "I am convinced that the belief of the public service commissions is well founded. I do not think that the already difficult task of regulating and controlling public utilities in this state should be made more difficult by such Federal interference as might result from the passage of either of these bills in its present form."

Appeal to Washington Urged

"I therefore recommend that your honorable bodies, by suitable communications to our members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, call attention to the necessity of protecting the interests of this state in respect to this proposed legislation."

Commissioner Nixon said that certain provisions of the bills were menacing to the rights of all the states. He particularly objected to the provisions making it the duty of the Interstate Commerce Commission to investigate any rate, fare, charge, classification, regulation or practice imposed by the authority of any state. After such investigation, he said, the Federal commission is given authority to "remove any undue burden upon interstate or foreign commerce," notwithstanding the law of any state or the decision of any state commission.

"If this should become law," said Mr. Nixon, "it undoubtedly will operate to deprive the state of the exercise of their powers to enforce any rate, service or other regulatory order."

Grade Crossing Order Involved

He declared it would also interfere with the orders of the public service commission to eliminate grade crossings for the purpose of increasing the safety of traffic on the highways. Under the bill an appeal could be taken from all such orders to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Commissioner Nixon said any effective action by the Legislature should be taken while the conference committee in Congress is considering the Cummins-Esch bills.

Assemblyman Warren I. Lee, of Brooklyn, to-night introduced a bill creating a committee of twelve to inquire into the transit situation. The bill authorizes an investigation into rates, franchises and service. The Governor, President of the Senate and Speaker of the Assembly are to appoint two members, and the others are to be composed of an equal number of Senators and Assemblymen.

Ice-Bound Lake Vessel Disappears During Night

Believed To Be Drifting With Pack; Six Men Who Start for Boat Are Missing

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—The converted schooner Sidney O. Neff, icebound six miles off Chicago Harbor since a week ago to-day, disappeared from sight during the night and is believed to be drifting across the lake with the ice pack. The northeast winds which had piled up the ice before the harbor for a week shifted during the night to the southeast and the entire ice field is moving out.

No trace has been found of six men who left Chicago yesterday morning to walk over the ice to the boat, but Captain John O. Anderson, of the Coast Guard, believes they reached the Sidney O. Neff. Captain O. T. Olson, regular commander of the steamer, who had been away on vacation, and four members of the crew of the Neff who walked ashore Saturday, were in the party. The sixth man was H. C. Anderson, a retired lake captain.

Wants Laws Made Over Assemblyman Schwab Sees the Need of New U. S. Constitution

Assemblyman Bernard Schwab, of Ridgewood, 24 District of Queens, wants the entire Federal Constitution overhauled, because of the present unrest. He has introduced a resolution providing that the New York Legislature petition Congress to order a constitutional convention.

"I hope this resolution will be passed at once and that there will be consideration of all our laws, regulations, constitution and amendments," said Mr. Schwab yesterday. "A national constitutional convention will afford an opportunity to all labor and industrial organizations, clubs, societies, associations and all parties and all the people of the United States to make suggestions for the remedying of any laws that may be objectionable. We should and must start a campaign of reconstruction."

New Haven Line Seizes Coal
HARTFORD, Jan. 26.—Because of fuel shortage the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad is seizing coal in transit in order to keep its locomotives supplied. This was admitted today by Fuel Director Gardner of the railroad. No coal consigned to public utilities has been taken.

Maryland Rent Bill Sets Profits at 15 Per Cent

Fine of \$1,000 for Those Who Seek to Evade Proposed Measure

BALTIMORE, Jan. 26.—Any return in rentals of more than 15 per cent will be profiteering under a bill drawn for presentation at the present session of the Legislature by Howard Bryan, president of the second branch of the City Council.

A tentative draft of the proposed measure to put a curb on excessive rents for dwellings and apartments was made this morning by Mr. Bryan. Actual cost of construction, plus cost of betterment and ground rental, form the basis on which the return is to be estimated under the terms of this bill. In the case of dwellings or apartments constructed prior to January 1, 1917, the last purchase price prior to that time may be used as the basis upon which rentals may be figured.

"Upon demand," owners, agents, lessors or "the assessed must furnish proof showing the cost of construction and improvements. A fine of not more than \$1,000 is prescribed for the first offense and not more than \$5,000 for the second, or imprisonment for not longer than one year, or both.

Navy Court on Newport Vice Can Call Daniels

Everybody Within Reach of Inquiry, Rear Admiral Dunn Tells Clergymen

NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 26.—The present creating the naval court of inquiry which is investigating naval conditions here was read to witnesses for the first time today. Rear Admiral Herbert G. Dunn, the presiding officer, told witnesses that the court had the power to call any one in the United States, "even the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary of the Navy."

The court was appointed to inquire into the alleged misconduct of a medical officer and the methods used by him and others in the investigation of moral conduct in Newport and vicinity and "all pertinent matters surrounding and growing out of such investigation."

The testimony of witnesses to-day, most of whom were clergymen, concerned the open letter which Newport minister addressed to President Wilson on January 10 in complaint against "certain deleterious and vicious methods" used by the navy in attempts to disclose vice conditions in Newport.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, replying to-day to a message from John R. Rathbone, publisher of the Providence Journal, characterized that newspaper's attack on the Navy Department in connection with the Newport inquiry as "disrespectful and dishonorable."

\$3,100 Stolen in Hold-Up Found Buried in Cellar

Red Bank Prisoner Tells Police of His Part in Kidnaping Factory Paymaster

RED BANK, N. J., Jan. 26.—Harry H. Clayton, chief of police, went to the cellar of an unoccupied house here to-night and dug up \$3,100. The money is part of the \$17,000 stolen Saturday night by highwaymen who held up the paymaster of the Sigmund Elanor Company uniform factory here.

Frank Grano, who was arrested in Philadelphia yesterday as one of the robbers, revealed the hiding place of the money. Brought here and examined by Chief Clayton, he admitted the robbery and said he was the man who rode on the hood of the car and kept the kidnapped paymaster and his guards "covered."

His share of the money, he said, he had hidden under some hay in a shed behind his home. Chief Clayton went to Grano's home and was told by Dominick Grano, the prisoner's father, that after the young man had gone he had buried the money in the cellar of an empty house near by. Dominick Grano said that he didn't know the money was stolen and just thought the cellar would be a safer place for it. He was arrested.

Frank Grano said that he intended to give the money to his family, and was on his way to the Pennsylvania coal mines when he was arrested. He declared that his roommate, Gennetto Vitrono, who was arrested with him, knew nothing of the hold-up.

U. S. Asks Dismissal of Rhode Island 'Dry' Fight

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Dismissal of proceedings brought by the State of Rhode Island to test validity of the Federal Constitutional prohibition amendment was asked by the government in a motion filed today in the Supreme Court by Solicitor General King. The motion was taken under advisement.

The showdown in the Rhode Island case will come upon this motion, according to Mr. King, which, however, will not be argued until after the court's February recess.

Solicitor King, in his motion, attacked the court's jurisdiction and alleged that the Rhode Island authorities presented no matter of a justifiable character. He also argued that the facts presented were insufficient to warrant the suit being brought.

Arguments in appeals involving the validity of laws of this constitutional referendum amendment will be heard by the Supreme Court on March 1.

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Mrs. Shonts Files Second Suit Against Mrs. Thomas

Widow of Traction President Believed to Seek Property Given Before His Death

Mrs. Milla D. Shonts, who already is suing Mrs. Amanda C. Thomas for \$1,000,000 for alienation of the affections of her husband, the late Theodore P. Shonts, president of the Interborough Rapid Transit company, filed a second suit yesterday in the Supreme Court against Mrs. Thomas. Only the summons was filed, and the attorney for Mrs. Shonts would not tell the nature of this new action.

It is believed that the widow of the railroad president now is seeking to recover from Mrs. Thomas, the principal beneficiary under the will of Mr. Shonts, certain property which Mrs. Shonts believes her husband gave the defendant before he died, and the value of which is figured by the plaintiff at more than \$1,000,000.

To Mrs. Thomas, whom he referred to as "my friend," Mr. Shonts left the residue of his estate, bequeathing to his widow a portrait of herself and the proceeds of a \$5,000 insurance policy.

Panama Lirrals Name Porras for Re-election

PANAMA, Jan. 26.—The Liberal party, in convention yesterday, nominated President Belisario Porras for re-election to the Presidency of the republic at the elections to be held on the first Sunday in August.

President Porras stated today that he would resign the Presidency today or to-morrow, so that he might vacate the office six months prior to the election, thus rendering his candidacy constitutional. The Vice-President, Ernesto Lefevre, will succeed to the Presidency on the resignation of President Porras.

Submarines' 3-Inch Shells Sink Burning Cargo Boat

PANAMA, Jan. 26.—The American Shipping Board steamer Marne, aboard which an explosion Saturday afternoon ignited the oil bunkers, was sunk to-day by fifty-four 3-inch shells fired into her by submarines stationed in the harbor.

Her decks are awash and burning oil is still flowing from her forward hold. At the time of the explosion the Marne was on a voyage from New York to Melbourne with an 8,000-ton cargo of tropical merchandise.

Grace La Rue Sued By Hale Hamilton's Wife for \$100,000

Alienation of Affection Is Alleged; Divorce Action Brought Against Actor Is Revealed by Suit

Hale Hamilton, an actor, who was divorced in 1912 by Minnie Dorothy Pepper, known on the stage as Jane Oaker, and married Miss Maude Myrtle Tannehill, is now the cause of a suit for \$100,000 for alienation of affections brought in the Supreme Court by the second Mrs. Hamilton against Mrs. Grace La Rue Chandler. All the parties to the action are on the stage. Grace La Rue, as she appears on the electric signs, being a vaudeville headliner and musical comedy feature.

In fact, the alienation suit reveals a divorce suit brought against Hamilton by his present wife, in Westchester County, which has been heard by a referee and awaits only an arrangement over the question of alimony to be closed with a decree in favor of Mrs. Hamilton.

Mrs. Chandler was mentioned in this suit by Mrs. Hamilton and the alienation suit against her is an outgrowth of that case. Further to complicate the record, Mrs. Chandler is suing her husband, Byron Chandler, who used to be known along Broadway as "the Million Dollar Kid," for a divorce in Boston. Some financial consideration has also prevented that case from being finally determined. The Chandlers have not lived together for several years. A few years ago Grace La Rue sued him for a separation and "the Million Dollar Kid" was arrested for non-payment of alimony.

Mrs. Hamilton, who played last season with William Gillette, complained that while Grace La Rue was playing in St. Paul in November, 1918, and Hamilton was with a company in Omaha, he went to St. Paul to visit the co-respondent in her divorce suit. She also had certain telegrams, it was said, that passed between Miss La Rue and Hamilton in New York. In one of these it was alleged, Miss La Rue ordered Hamilton to join her in Detroit and warning him if he failed to do that she would come here and make it exceedingly warm for Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. Hamilton is a member of the players and the Lambs. One of his great successes on the stage was in "Get Rich Quick Wallingford." Chandler received his nickname because his grandmother left him \$1,000,000, much of which he spent. Grace La Rue was the divorced wife of Charles H. Burke when she married him.

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